

Adivasimitra welfare society

# Annual report

2019-2020

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### **Legal Status:**

Registered under Societies registration act on 18<sup>th</sup> December'1996, Registration No : 1465/96

### **Vision**

Accessibility of infrastructure facilities, education, health, forestry rights (Act'2006), Panchayat Raj Act (PESA), MGNREGS, Food security, Income generation and safe drinking water to all the tribal communities living in isolation.

### **Mission**

Adivasi Mitra renders its services through all means to work for the sustainable empowerment of the tribe community through people's participatory role.

### **Goal**

Self-sustainability amongst the tribal communities.

### **Thrust Areas**

Right to Education, Right to information Act, Child Rights, Health, HIV/AIDS, Forestry Rights (Act'2006), Panchayat Raj Act (PESA), Tourism, MGNREGS Program, Food security, Income generation and safe drinking water to all the tribal communities living in isolation.

### **Core values**

Adivasi Mitra has been formed as a non-profit welfare society and all of its enterprises shall serve entirely for the social, economic, legal, cultural and educational and health improvements of the tribal people in Visakhapatnam district.

### **Objective**

Work for the preservation and promotion of Adivasi culture customs, languages and traditions. Take up activities for the overall development and leadership building of Adivasi youth and children; Build awareness through writing, publishing, disseminating information and organizing cultural programmes for the preservation, lobby and protection of tribal rights and heritage.

Promote traditional sustainable forest protection and regeneration practices of the Adivasi's for conservation of the forest and natural resources and striving for Adivasi control over them for protection of environment and ecology of the hills of the Eastern Ghats.

### **Coverage**

Barsing, Guttulaput, G.Munchingput, D.Gonduru, Vantlamamidi, Modapalli, and Salugu panchayats in Paderu Mandal. Theegalavalasa, Sobhakota, Mattam and Guda Panchayats in Hukumpeta Mandal. Borra and valasi Panchayats in Ananthagiri Mandal.

### **Activities under taken during 2019-2020**

- Strengthening of Adivasimahasabha – for better voice for tribal communities. MACS – for creating better livelihood, income augmentation through collective marketing, self support among farmer producers
- Awareness on 1/70 Act and PESA Act, Right Education Act, RTI Act, MGNREGS, Women and Child Rights, HIV/AIDS.
- Awareness on the roles and responsibilities of the PRI members
- Formation of FPGs. Trainings on Book keeping, marketing, business development
- Awareness and new claims for FCRA
- Youth Skill training & employment
- Education – schools, reduction of drop outs
- Food security – supporting grain banks
- Micro project – Drinking water
- Covid-19 Awareness

### **Adivasimahasabha**

Adivasimitra achieved 5525 membership for Adivasimahasabha in this project year. The spread of this activity reached 504 villages. 933 Gramamitras representing 504 villages and facilitating the village level services, government programs and schemes reach doorsteps of tribal families. Because of the trainings and awareness programs under Adivasimahasabha Members are aware of government schemes and able to identify issues related to Ration Cards, Pensions, MGNREGS Job Cards, Housing, Drinking water, Title Deeds, Prohibition of alcohol, Anganwadi building, Road, Drainage, Toilets, SHG Loans, Agri loans and Irrigation facilities in village meetings. With the assistance of community facilitators and coordinators Mahasabha members are able to approach appropriate authorities to resolve the household, village level problems. Orientation and consultation meetings helped in achieving this by creating awareness and motivating the villagers.

From the efforts of Adivasi Mahasabha Rs.25,50,000 worth drinking water project sanctioned for Parvathipuram village of Lagisapalle Panchayat of Paderu Mandal following the representation of Mahasabha members in ITDA.

Trainings and meetings conducted on RoFR, PESA and other acts created a positive response among the members of Adivasi mahasabha to delayed sanction of title deeds. Mahasabha members spontaneously participated in a rally requesting sanction of land titles, process rejected claims under RoFR. (Not a planned activity).

Adivasi Members have also participated in an all party conference on 1/70 act, occupation of lands by non Adivasi communities. . Adivasi mahasabha members from Pedabayalumandal conducted social audit on corruption of Development officer (MPDO) of Pedabayalu. There was fraud in construction of toilets for around 1600 houses, in 23 panchayats of Pedabayalumandal.

Mahasabha members visited the constructions, audited and confirmed the corruption. Organised a round table meeting, created awareness among the beneficiaries. Sub collector of Paderu division responded to the issue and Suspended the MPDO following an enquiry.

### **Mutually Aided Cooperative Society (MACS):**

By the end of the year Adivasimitra joined 1264 farmers in Manyam Cooperative society. Created 60 farmer producer groups.

Efforts made in group marketing yielded positive results. 3 groups in Paderu and Hukumpeta mandal started collective marketing. The three groups started selling Add leaf (leaves used to make leaf plates), Ground nut. The three groups gross sale amount is Rs.1,18,600

### **Marketing**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Vill</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Income INR</b>
Sankulamma	Chintagondi, Iradapalli(GP) Paderu	Adda leaf	45000
Lingeswari	Chidimetta, Guthulaputtu (GP) Paderu	Ground nut	52,800
Lakshmidevi	Marrialem, Patakota (GP) Hukumpeta	Ground nut	20,800
Total			1,18,600

55 farmers were provided financial assistance to cultivate Ragi (Chodi/ Finger Millet) and paddy under SRI method. Farmers were provided training and guidance.

Awareness on cheating of businessmen in weights and measures was created in 12 weekly traditional market places (Shandy) every month. Staff attended assisted Adivasi sellers in finding correct weight with digital weighing machine.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Mandal</b>	<b>Weekly Markets</b>	<b>Place of Market</b>
1	Hukumpeta	4	Hukumpeta, Bakuru, Rapa, Kanguputtu
2	Paderu	5	Paderu, Vantlamamidi, Guthulaputtu, M1numaluru, Dallapalli
3	Pedabayalu	3	Pedabayalu, Rudakota, Gomangi

Trainings were organised for FPG groups on organic farming, value addition, marketing, business linkages, farm and non farm based livelihoods

### **FCRA**

By the end of this year Adivasimitra made claims for 13888 acres of land by 3829 tribal families under FCRA. Training programs were conducted for Forest rights committee members on FRA and PESA acts.

### **Youth Employment**

835 unemployed youth were identified from the project area.. From them 284 youth that are keen on exploring employment opportunities within agriculture and allied activities were identified. Meetings were conducted with identified youth and discussed various local, agri based livelihood opportunities. Data of land and resources available with the selected young farmers. These youth are encouraged to join MACS and form in to FPGs in their villages.

**Youth Interested in Agri based Livelihoods/ Employment**

Previous	Present	Cumulative
0	284 (Male 219, Female 65)	284 (Male 219, Female 65)

Horticulture, Agriculture, ITDA were consulted for appropriate training programs to create local agro based employment. Mushroom cultivation, Nursery, Vegetable cultivation, Marketing activities were selected by majority of the youth as interested activities.

### **Culture**

Conducted household survey in Mullumetta, Barindibanda and Boddaputtu villages of Tadigiri Panchayat for culture preservation and promotional activities. Village profiles and history were created. gathered information on Cultural activities, traditional practices, rituals, festivals, songs, dance forms, language. Group activities were organised to gather information on day to day activities of the community, Agricultural activities, seeds, seedling & sowing methods, tools and implements, management of livestock, fodder, rearing, different fire woods & collection, water resources, ornaments, traditional medicine, rituals in marriages & festivals, seasonal activities, rituals associated with various live stages etc.

### **Educational material provided to schools and anganwadis**

Material	No of Items
Stories	25
Riddles	50
Traditional songs	20
Local stories	30
Games	06

### **Collection of information and Documentation**

Stories	25
Riddles	50
Traditional songs	10
Agricultural Songs	05
Marriage songs	04
Festival Songs	04
Games	06

### **Covid – 19 Awareness**

At the end of the year during March 2020 Covid pandemic affected communities in the operational area. activities severely. Awareness activities were carried on precautions, safety measures on the Corona disease.

### **Education**

Activities in Education focused especially on to bridge the gap between children's mother tongue and medium of instruction in a more scientific way by involving local communities. 720 children from Anganwadis and schools in 24 villages of Kuvi speaking community in two panchayats of Tadigiri and Mottujore are benefitting from this program. The program has resulted..

1. Increased enrolment in Schools and Anganwadi Centres and no one dropout found in 24 schools of Allamputtu and Peddagaruvu Clusters. From the last two years, we achieved 100% enrolment and retention in Schools.
2. Schools have 40 % learning levels in the project initial stage, now we enhanced up to 80% of learning level among children in 24 schools.
3. Ten Treasure houses and Science Labs installed in school premises. Out of 10 Treasure houses and Science Labs, Seven are initiating by Teachers and VEV's.
4. Sanctioned 6 new Angawadicentre buildings in Allamputtu Cluster. Out of six, two Angawadi building construction completed.
5. In Allamputtu Complex, Two school buildings were sanctioned and construction process is going on and completed connected roads for two schools.
6. The five schools have connected water facilities from gravity water source with the support of ITDA.